

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jorg Harren, *et al.*
Application Serial No.: 10/563,747
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Examiner: WESTERBERG, Nissa M.
Art Unit: 1618

For: **ACTIVE SUBSTANCE-DOPED ABSORBING POLYMER
PARTICLES, COMPOSITION COMPRISING POLYCONDENSATE
MATRIX AND ABSORBENT POLYMER FOR RELEASE OF A WOUND
TREATMENT SUBSTANCE**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement dated March 19, 2008,
Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of claims 21-47, 50-62, and 69, without traverse, for
prosecution on the merits in connection with the above-identified application.

In addition, pursuant to Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the 3/19/08 Office Action, directed to
election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species for claims 21-38, 45-47, 50-56, 60-62,
and 69 – the absence of a film layer, and for claims 39-44 and 57-59 - the presence of a film
layer, wherein the film is polyethylene. This election of species is made without traverse.

Please withdraw the remaining non-elected claims of Group II (claims 48, 49, and 69),
and Group III (claims 63-69) from consideration at this time without prejudice to Applicants'
right to file divisional applications thereon.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions arise.

If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.

Respectfully submitted,

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